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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1, please delete "Field of the Invention" and replace with

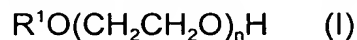
--Background of the Invention--.

At page 1, line 8, delete "Prior Art".

At page 23, please delete the current Abstract and replace with a new Abstract of the Disclosure, submitted herewith:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A detergent composition containing a surfactant mixture, the surfactant mixture containing: (a) a nonionic surfactant corresponding to formula (I):



wherein R^1 is a hydrocarbon radical having from about 16 to 18 carbon atoms and n is a number from about 5 to 10, and wherein the nonionic surfactant has an iodine value of from about 20 to 50; and (b) a co-surfactant selected from the group consisting of an alkyl oligoglycoside, an alkenyl oligoglycoside, an alkyl ether sulfate, and mixtures thereof. --